

I suppose there is nothing to
 do or do about the following
 but don't mean. I guess we can
 see your strength.

has lots of roses, the manzanillas
 still look dol. and I don't
 know what to do, we have
 strawberries now on our own
 vines, the crop of fruit promises
 to be very good, all danger of
 frost is past, Wash seems more
 like himself than he has for a
 year and is budding. Japan
 persimmon and oranges and
 making himself really useful.
 Charlie expects to go down into
 Monterey Co. for a few days the
 last of next week. I am afraid
 there is no chance for Miss Barry
 Louisa Curley has been waiting
 trying to hear of a school for
 a good while, and having failed
 everywhere else will I presume
 try there. They are very much
 dissatisfied with their principal
 at the Corners but don't think they

want a lady
 all other school
 full. The ladies
 breath is not
 the nemophile
 but the
 Diarrhoea
 is Health.
 We did not
 have hail here.
 What a sad
 thing about
 Miss DeWalt.
 How is
 Phoebe?
 all other?
 Ward
 Chamber

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 1878?

Dear Billie
 I wrote last one to Mrs. Sill
 inviting her and her sister up. I
 presume you will hear of it from Mr.
 Sill. I mentioned that if their visit
 included Sat, and Sabbath we might
 perhaps have you and Mr. Sill to be
 with us those days, also suggested
 Mrs. D's boarding her husband's
 train. Glad you had an outing Sat,
 and that you had pleasant company
 also that Mrs. S. was more like herself.
 Joe sends his report here, and Charlie
 has reckoned his per. ct. I send you
 his letter for this week that you may
 see his report. The week before it
 was 77, 3. He was out part of that
 week you know. He seems to be
 going down in Algebra and up
 in Algebra and Latin.

I would like to send the Johnson and Elbach no. of the Joberbergian with the class memorial to Mrs. Barak and also a photograph. I would like to have you take them to Cousin John and ask him to let him have them to Mrs. B.

He is talking a good deal about * much of what is owing will how he is to spend his vacation. He collected I cannot say, but He would like to go to Havana ^{He has no} ^{to} ^{sketch} ^{no. and if you} ^{cannot get a fine} ^{one I cannot do it} ^{I will say for it} and wanted to know if you would ^{not} go with him. I told him I did not suppose it would do at all for you to go up on a Schooner, and it was a very expensive trip by land. If you could go up and sketch with Cousin Loue I am not sure but it would be as good a thing as you could do. If she should happen to invite you don't refuse, but I don't imagine she will, if she took anyone up it would be her brother.

You ask about business. Shinn and Co. have \$1500, in bank and \$2300, yet to collect of this year's business. There is some owing to men I do not know just how much. How

much of what is owing will be collected I cannot say, but there is enough of old accounts to at least cover losses on this and it ought to more than do it. This being a prosperous year will make it easier to collect. It does not seem possible that the running expenses during the summer season when they are so much lighter than in winter can absorb all that, as soon as I can I am going to get Papa to see what they were for the same months last year and also to see how much is now owing to the men. Papa is going to fill up the space between those gum trees and the road to the front gate with orange trees. The grass plot is enlarged. The Dutchman's pipe is getting a third leaf, the Cherokee rose